

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A key storage device comprising:  
a landscape member having at least one slot formed on a side thereof;  
and  
5 a strip substantially covering the opening of said slot.
2. A key storage device as in Claim 1, wherein said landscape member is a stone.
3. A key storage device as in Claim 2, wherein said stone comprises a hard, natural rock.
- 10 4. A key storage device as in Claim 1, wherein said landscape member is a nonporous material.
5. A key storage device as in Claim 1, wherein said strip is an elongate, pliant strip.
- 15 6. A key storage device as in Claim 5, wherein said strip has a longitudinal axis and first and second ends, and at least one of the ends is inclined relative to the longitudinal axis.
7. A key storage device as in Claim 5, wherein said strip is rubber.
8. A key storage device as in Claim 5, wherein said strip has ribs extending therefrom.
- 20 9. A key storage device as in Claim 1, having a single slot formed therein.
10. A key storage device as in Claim 9, wherein said slot opens to a bottom surface of said device.
11. A key storage device as in Claim 1, wherein said slot is generally semicircular in shape.
- 25 12. A method of making a key storage device comprising the steps of:  
forming a slot in a selected piece of material; and  
forming a closing strip adapted to substantially close said slot.
13. A method as in Claim 12, further comprising the steps of selecting a piece of material with a substantially smooth undersurface and forming said slot on the  
30 undersurface.

14. A method as in Claim 12, further comprising the step of selecting a desirable natural hard rock as said piece of material.

15. A method as in Claim 12, wherein said strip is a pliable material adapted to fit in the slot to substantially seal the slot.

5 16. A key storage device comprising:  
a stone having a slot formed therein, said slot sized to accommodate a key therein; and  
means for substantially closing said slot.

10 17. A key storage device as in Claim 16, wherein said closing means substantially seals said slot.

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